Statement

1. Names of Public Sector drug units in West Bengal :

   (i) Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

   (ii) Bengal Chemicals and Pharama- ticals Ltd.

   (iii) Bengal Immunity Ltd.

(*In crores of Rupees*)

	Paid up capital as on 31-3-87	Production			Profit/Loss		
		1984-85	85-86	86-87	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
(i) Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	4·21	9·77	8·54	9 44	(+)0 01	(—)1·35	(—)2·12
(ii) Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	8·52	11·35	10 04	12.06	(—)2·54	(—)2·90	(—)2·98
(iii) Bengal Immunity Ltd.	11·64	5·86	7·84	7·03	(—)1·06	(—)4·38	(—)4·62

Evaluation of the functioning of public sector undertakings

870. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1250 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th November, 1986 and state :

(a) whether any evaluation has since been made of the degree of improvement in the performance of Public Sector Units as a result of general strategies, adopted by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The evaluation of the performance of Public Sector Enterprises is a continuous process and the administrative Ministries do the same through their periodical Performance Review Meetings.

According to the provisional figures received from 178 enterprises they have made a net profit of Rs. 1994.57 crores in 1986-87 compared to a net profit of Rs. 1199.35 crores earned by 211 enterprises in 1985-86.

Industrial Sickness

871 SHRI CHITTA BASU . Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incidents of Industrial sickness is on the rise since 1983;

(b) if so, how many industrial units that have fallen sick since 1983 and what is the estimated total loss of production on this account, as also bank credit locked-up (year-wise) as on 31st March, 1987; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to curb it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as

per the definition of sickness adopted by it. The latest data as available from the RBI since 1983 are shown below :

Period ending	No. of sick units	Annual outstanding (Rs. crores)
December, 1983	80110	3101 29
December, 1984	93252	3638 39
December, 1985	119606	4270·93
June, 1986	130606	4665·23

(c) To revive the sick industrial units in the country, the Government have taken various steps The Reserve Bank of India have issued guidelines to the banks for strengthening the monitoring system and for arresting industrial sickness at an incipient stage so that corrective measures are taken in time. The banks have also been directed by the Reserve Bank of India to formulate rehabilitation packages for the revival of potentially viable units on merits of each case. In addition, Government have enacted a comprehensive legislation, namely 'The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985" which provides for setting up of a quasi-judicial body designated as the 'Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction' (BIFR) to deal with the problems of sick industrial companies in an effective manner The BIFR has become operational with effect from 15th May, 1987.

Reserve Bank of India have also issued guidelines separately to the banks indicating parameters within which banks could grant reliefs and concessions for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units without reference to RBI, both in the large and small scale sectors.

Surplus staff in public sector enterprises

872. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 567 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March 1987 and state :

(a) how many of the surplus staff have been relieve from service under the 'Golden Handshake Scheme' from its introduction to date;

(b) the amount of money involved therein; and

(c) whether Government propose to make an assessment of the number of surplus staff in the public sector units under this Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Retrenchment of Employees of N.P.C.C.

873. SHRI R. SAMABASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the National Projects Construction Corpertion had retrenched 500 employees;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that such a large number of employees have become surplus all of a sudden in the NPCC; and

(c) whether they have been paid all the retrenchment benefits as applicable to them under the rules ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (c) Owing to the closure/tapering of various works and after keeping in view its manpower requirements, the NPCC had offered alternate jobs in the security discipline to 570 workers. Out of them, 70 workmen have accepted the offer and have been aborbed. The remaining 500 workmen have been retrenched on payment of retrenchment compensation and all benefits due to them

Study on the working of the public undertakings

874. SHRI KALPNATH RAI :

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been made of the working of the public undertakings